
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

FINAL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, June 1, 2006

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ricki Rosales	Sophia Rumanes
Kathy Watt	Michael Green
Scott Campbell	David Giugni*
Philip Hendricks	Lori Laubacher
Miguel Martinez	Dani Mejia
Veronica Morales*	Daniel Rivas
Sabel Samone	Terry Smith
Enrique Topete	Tim Young*

ABSENT

Kafi Battersby
Richard Browne
Daniel Deniz
J. Russell Kieffer
Jeffrey King
Vicky Ortega

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Delgadillo	Elizabeth Escobedo	Kamana Gray	Felicia Lacy
Vicki Lowe	John Mesta	True Pawluk	Lori Quince
Jane Rohde			

PPC MEETING

I. WELCOME

Ricki Rosales opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees at 12:17 PM and reviewing the content of the meeting packets.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "Fast Sex and Fast Food: Sex, Risk, and Identity among Black Non-Gay-Identifying African American Men Who Have Sex with Men"

Dr. Rose Veniegas, CHIPTS, introduced Dr. Nina Harawa, Assistant Professor at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Harawa is Principal Investigator for the UARP-funded MAALES (Men of African American Legacy Empowering Self) Project, collaboration between Drew, UCLA, The AmASSI Center, JWCH Institute, and The Palms. Dr. Harawa shared preliminary qualitative findings based on formative research funded by UARP and the Drew/UCLA Project Export. The data came from seven focus groups, three with HIV-positive and four with presumed HIV-negative, African American non-gay-identifying and behaviorally bisexual men. Dr. Harawa discussed study participants' perceptions regarding general health issues facing African American men, safer sex practices, and sexual orientation identification and made analogies between sexual and nutritional health among African American men.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “Fast Food and Fast Sex: Sex, Risk, and Identity among Non-Gay-Identified African American MSM” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 1:14 PM and a quorum was present.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT June 1, 2006 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

A motion was made to modify the June 1, 2006 PPC Meeting Agenda to postpone Agenda Item XI. PPC Meeting Structure and refer Motion # 6 back to the Operations Subcommittee for more information and to add the 15 minutes allocated for agenda item XI to agenda item IX PPC Subcommittee Breakouts. The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

V. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT May 4, 2006 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

VI. HETEROSEXUAL MALES AT SEXUAL RISK (HMSR) PRESENTATION

The HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Evaluation Subcommittee conducted a survey with seventeen (17) of the twenty-one (21) OAPP funded CBOs to determine whether or not HMSR should be added to the behavioral risk group (BRG) prevention model used in Los Angeles County. Fifteen (15) of the OAPP funded CBOs responded that they provide HMSR services; however, the data is limited. Gordon Bunch presented the Evaluation Subcommittee’s findings in a power point presentation titled “Heterosexual Males at Sexual Risk: Should this population be added to the BRG Prevention Model in Los Angeles?”

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “Heterosexual Males at Sexual Risk: Should this population be added to the BRG Prevention Model in Los Angeles?” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

VII. PPC COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- **Motion #3:** Philip Hendricks placed a motion to review and endorse recommendation to create an HIV Counseling and Testing Working Group as part of the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by David Giugni.

MOTION #3: Create an HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group as part of the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee. The Work Group will meet separately from Standards & Best	<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Practices as described on the Work Group description.		
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- **Motion #4:** Veronica Morales placed a motion to recommend Denise Johnson, HIV/ Epidemiology Representative, for PPC Membership. The motion was seconded.

MOTION #4: Approve Denise Johnson for PPC membership as the representative for the LAC-DHS-HIV/EPI Department.	<i>Ayes: Campbell, Giugni, Green, Laubacher, Mejia, Morales, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Smith, Topete, Watt, Young</i> Opposed: None Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
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- **Motion #5:** A motion was placed on behalf of the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee to review and approve a letter responding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cut to prevention funding. There was a discussion regarding the language in the letter and the letter was referred back to the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee to discuss and clarify during the Subcommittee Breakout portion of the meeting. After the Subcommittee breakout session, Phil Hendricks read the revised letter and David Giugni placed a motion to approve the revised letter with changes developed by the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee to respond to the CDC's cut to prevention funding. The motion was seconded.

MOTION #5: Approve revised letter developed by the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee responding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cut to prevention funding.	Motion Passed by Consensus	MOTION PASSED
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Ricki Rosales reported the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) is scheduled to meet on June 21st and June 22nd in San Francisco. A future CHPG meeting is scheduled for November 1st and November 2nd in Palm Springs, Ca. The PPC Co-Chairs will be attending the Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) meeting in Dallas on June 3rd and June 4th. The PPC Co-Chairs and Jeff Bailey are presenting at the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS). The title of the presentation is "Blueprint for an Effective HIV Prevention Plan", which will explain the process Los Angeles County went through in the development of the current HIV Prevention Plan.

Kathy Watt reported the Commission on HIV (COH) is developing standard of cares for HIV testing in medical outpatient sites and outreach for HIV positive individuals to get into care. Sophia Rumanes added the COH is preparing as part of their standards of care two (2) standards regarding prevention: (1) HIV testing in medical outpatient sites and (2) outreach for HIV positive individuals to get into care. The COH is working with the PPC Co-Chairs and

OAPP and has requested a list of “expert panelist” to review and provide input on the standards.

VIII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes reported the CDC grant targeting Young MSM of Color and Young Transgenders of Color was due today (June 1st) to CDC. Because health departments were not eligible to apply for these grants, OAPP provided a series of meetings with agencies who wanted to apply and worked collaboratively with those agencies. Approximately six (6) agencies in the Los Angeles County health jurisdiction applied for these grants.

Sophia Rumanes reported on inquiries coming into OAPP regarding HIV Names Based Reporting. HIV/EPI has taken the lead on this task and has been sending letters to laboratories advising them of the names based HIV reporting requirement. Anyone requesting additional information should call the HIV/EPI Department at (213) 351-8196.

Sophia Rumanes reported Counseling and Testing Week is scheduled for June 27th through July 1st. National HIV Counseling and Testing Day is June 27th. Ms. Rumanes stated last year’s testing methodology was successful and will be used again this year.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING BREAKOUTS

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The abbreviated Evaluation subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the June, 2006 meeting scheduled for June 19th from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM at OAPP.

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The abbreviated Operations subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the June, 2006 meeting scheduled for June 13th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at OAPP.

STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES

The abbreviated Standards & Best Practices subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the July, 2006 meeting scheduled for July 20th from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM at OAPP.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tyrone Carter, In the Meantime Men’s Group, on behalf of the AA MSM Task Force community participants, thanked the PPC for being fore thinking in their approach to addressing the growing concern among AA MSM in Los Angeles County. Additionally, many young AA MSM remain undiagnosed and based on the In The Meantime Men’s Group experience, 36% does not accurately reflect the AA MSM epidemic in Los Angeles County.
- Tyrone Carter, My Life Project, extended an invitation to the “My Life White Party” on June 3rd at 1773 Western Blvd., Los Angeles from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- Reverend Russell Thornhill, MAP, urged the PPC to approve and endorse the recommendations submitted by the AA MSM Task Force and continue to study the AA MSM Community.

- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH, announced the Service Provider Network (SPN) 4 meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon at rotating locations. Ms. Rotenberg's business card is available on the back table.
- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH, announced JWCH is planning an event for Counseling and Testing Week in the Downtown Sid Row area on June 27th.

XI. PPC MEETING STRUCTURE PRESENTATION (Postponed agenda item – referred back to Operations Subcommittee)

XII. STANDING REPORTS

- Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee – Daniel Rivas reported on a telephone conference call conducted with Bart Broom from Assembly Member Leno's office, regarding AB2280. No PPC Members attended the meeting; therefore, no new proposed legislation was discussed. Mr. Rivas encouraged everyone who volunteered for the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee to attend the next meeting scheduled for June 13th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mr. Rivas shared that work continues in drafting recommendations from the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee to the PPC Executive Subcommittee.
- African American MSM Task Force – The AA MSM Task Force Recommendations were reviewed and there was a brief discussion on the recommendations.
 - **Motion #7:** Phil Hendricks placed a motion to review and approve the African American Men who Have Sex with Men (AA MSM) Task Force Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Tim Young.

MOTION #7: Approve the African American MSM Task Force Recommendations with the addition of citations for the "Issues" 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th bullets.	<i>Motion Passed by Consensus with noted changes</i>	MOTION PASSED
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- Crystal Meth Task Force – The Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations were reviewed and there was a brief discussion on the recommendations.
 - **Motion #8:** Tim Young placed a motion to review and approve the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Kathy Watt.

MOTION #8: Approve the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations with the addition of a paragraph on harm reduction/substance abuse treatment as an effective HIV Prevention Strategy.	<i>Motion Passed by Consensus with noted changes</i>	MOTION PASSED
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- Commission on HIV (COH) – Kathy Watt reported a PPC Demographic Chart was distributed to explain the composition of the PPC. Ms. Watt reported the COH is developing twenty-seven (27) Standards of Care and two were presented at last month’s COH Meeting. The COH Priorities and Planning Committee “set out” their priorities for year 17.
- City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinators Office – Ricki Rosales reported twenty-eight (28) applications were received for the RFP. The recommendations for funding are located on the City of Los Angeles website (lacityaids.org).
- City of West Hollywood – At the request of David Giugni, Kathy Watt provided the City of West Hollywood report. Kathy Watt reported responses to the City of West Hollywood’s RFPs are due today (June 1st). Folders were distributed for the City of West Hollywood’s HIV Testing and Counseling Week (June 5th through June 11th). Friday night, June 9th is the drug and alcohol free Club Freedom Gay Pride Dance from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. The WeHo Life website (weholife.org) will be launched. The West Hollywood City Council will proclaim June as HIV Prevention Month at the city council meeting on Monday, June 5th.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program – Lori Laubacher reported Syphilis cases are at an all time high in Los Angeles County. Ms. Laubacher attended a National Conference and the priorities for follow up on Syphilis cases are changing. It appears more females and heterosexuals are being infected with Syphilis.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Veronica Morales announced the PPC New Member Orientation is scheduled for June 16th.
- Michael Green announced on June 5th OAPP is recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the first HIV diagnosis at Lafayette Park at 2:00 PM.
- Michael Green announced the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the split between Public Health and the Department of Health Services.
- Tim Young announced Los Angeles Shanti is sponsoring an event tonight (06/01/06) called “Telling of Story: HIV and AIDS, 25 years and Counting” at 7:00 PM.
- Sabel Samone announced “Trans-Unity” commences June 1, 2006 at The Village and events (including dances and workshops) are scheduled through Sunday, June 11th.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall – Las Memorias has teamed up with Blue Cross America to recruit and train insurance agents. For additional information, contact The Wall Las Memorias at (323) 2567-1056 X24.

XII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Modify June 1, 2006 Meeting Agenda to delete Agenda Item XI.	<i>Amended Meeting Agenda Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION # 2: Approve of May 4, 2006 Meeting Summary	<i>Passed by Consensus with motion to approve with noted changes</i>	MOTION PASSED

MOTION #3: Create an HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group as part of the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee. The Work Group will meet separately from Standards & Best Practices as described on the Work Group description.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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MOTION #5: Approve revised letter developed by the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee responding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cut to prevention funding.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #6: Revise the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Structure.	<i>Referred back to the Operations Subcommittee</i>	MOTION POSTPONED
MOTION #7: Approve the African American MSM Task Force Recommendations with the addition of citations for the “Issues” 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th bullets.	<i>Passed by Consensus with noted changes</i>	MOTION PASSED
MOTION #8: Approve the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations with the addition of a paragraph on harm reduction/substance abuse treatment as an effective HIV Prevention Strategy.	<i>Passed by Consensus with noted changes</i>	MOTION PASSED
KEY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS		

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.